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University plans for diversity

By Keri Christoffels

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In recent years, Cal Poly has fallen behind other statewide public colleges in adequately representing the ethnic mix of California. During a 10-year review this March, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges reported that Cal Poly is aware of the benefits of a diverse campus and recognizes its current challenges, but needs to be more aggressive in changing the situation.

In response, Paul Zingg, university provost, and Bob Detweiler, interim

vice president for Student Affairs, are working with the University Diversity Enhancement Committee to implement strategies that improve campus diversity. Both administrators feel it's in the best interest of the students to experience a more diverse setting.

"Paul Zingg and I are working together to address the specific issue of campus diversity, an essential part of the entire campus climate," Detweiler said. "The idea is to create a more diverse student body."

So far, there are about four steps in this plan. The first is to increase Cal Poly's outreach to schools that have a

significantly low percentage rate of graduates who attend college. These schools tend to have more students from low-income families and ethnically diverse student bodies.

Detweiler emphasized that Cal Poly will not be recruiting any students on the basis of race, but instead reaching out to students who normally would not attend Cal Poly because of finances or lack of awareness about the university.

"Once we bring them here, we will do our best to provide retention ser-

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Panel of experts to discuss results, effects of election

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although the elections will be over, discussions will just be beginning. On Nov. 14, Cal Poly will present "The Good, The Bad and Election," to discuss what the results of the election mean for the future of the United States.

Herb Kamm, forum director, wanted to plan something that would allow for reflection on what exactly happened on Tuesday.

"We will analyze the election and assess its portents," Kamm said. "It will be a sober reflection one week later, once all the dust settled."

This is the fourth in a series of discussions that began in February of 1999.

The panel is made up of eight people from all areas of the media, including a pollster from Gallup, a correspondent from ABC News, a representative from the Nader campaign and a political reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle.

Frank Barry has been a major figure in the National Association for Advancement of Colored People since 1965. He now serves as the Western Region director in Los Angeles.

Steven Hill is the Western Region director of the Center for Voting and Democracy, which is a non-profit agency that educates the public about voting and legislation.

Peter King has been a reporter and columnist for the Los Angeles Times for more than 15 years and is a Cal Poly journalism alum.

David Davenport is a minister and lawyer and was president of Pepperdine University for 15 years.

Ross Mirkarimi is the California state chairman for the Nader 2000

campaign. He is an assistant district attorney in San Francisco.

Judy Muller has been an ABC News correspondent since 1990. She covered the

Rodney King case, the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake and the O.J. Simpson trial.

Frank Newport is the editor in chief of Gallup Poll and

vice president of the Gallup Organization. He received his master's and doctorate in sociology from University of Michigan.

Carla Marinucci is the panel moderator. She is a political writer and analyst of the San Francisco Chronicle and has covered the 2000 election since its beginning.

Kamm said each panelist was chosen for a particular reason.

"It was a case of deliberately choosing people who could give insight to the results of the election," Kamm said. "It will be refreshing to see live bodies discussing what happened."

Kamm said religion was a big topic during this election and he wanted to bring different people who could contribute an opinion to the forum. He also said the audience participation will play a big role in how the forum plays out.

"We will look at the tea leaves and think about what happened last Tuesday," Kamm said. "We will see what the new administration will do."

None of the panelists could be reached for comment.

The forum will be next Tuesday from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center. It is free to the public.

Walking for life



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The ninth annual Walk for Life took place Saturday to raise money for the AIDS Support Network and people suffering from AIDS, and to raise awareness about the virus.

VG Café adds brand name foods

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There are a few new additions to Cal Poly's VG Café that will help provide students with more trust in their food than in the past.

Now available are Ices in two flavors and Uncle Ben's rice bowls. Next quarter Campbell's soups, stews and chili will be added to the menu.

Nick Chronis, VG Café supervisor, said the café employees and students liked the idea of getting brand name foods.

"Brand names have a degree of quality and respect to them," Chronis said. "We've been working all quarter on getting some of these items in and now we're excited for the change."

The Icee machine will feature Cherry Snow and Frozen Pepsi. Chronis said Icee has become very popular in San Luis Obispo.

"Icee has invaded San Luis and even the Central Coast," Chronis said. "It's at SLO High School, Burger King and at Fresno State University.

It's a big move for Icee. They did an experiment in some schools and it's just taken off."

Chronis said Icee had to partner with Pepsi to come to Cal Poly. Usually Icee has frozen Coke, but because Cal Poly has a contract with Pepsi to sell only Pepsi beverages, Icee had to change its format.

Keith Fearnside, electrical engineering freshman, said he liked the idea of an Icee machine.

"The slushie machine reminds me of 7-11," Fearnside said. "It seems VG's is making a move for the better."

Coming winter quarter is Campbell's. Chronis said the café will feature a bowl of chili, stews or soups for the students to serve themselves.

Chronis said they wanted something that could remind the students of home cooking and a brand name they trusted.

"We wanted comfort food, a kind of stick-to-your-ribs comfort food," he said. "Campbell's food has a long history of high quality foods and it's

something we know the students will like."

Also new to the VG family is Uncle Ben's rice bowls. Chronis said they decided to go with Uncle Ben's because of its brand name and quality. The bowls will be added to the grab n' go section of the café, he said.

"We're trying to make the café more like a convenience store/dining hall," Chronis said. "Our biggest item right now is the 'Want it to go, let us know.'"

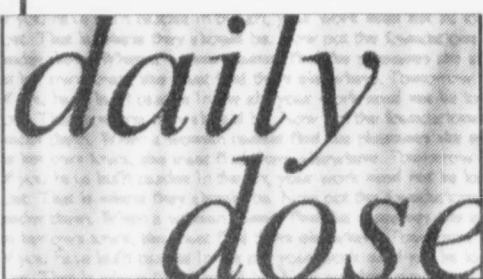
Chronis said he liked the idea of brand name food because of the ease of instructions, convenience and student demand. He said some of the lower name brand foods have more complicated instructions and are not as easy to maintain. Plus, students don't trust the non-brand names, he said.

"We're really excited about the changes we have," Chronis said. "It took some time to make it happen, but now we're looking for some new changes."



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VG Café has started offering brand name foods such as Ices and Uncle Ben's rice bowls. Soon to come are Campbell's soups and other items.



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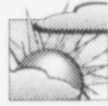
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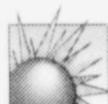
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FRIDAY

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Land-use initiatives 'soar' across California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California voters will rule on more than 50 city and county growth measures Tuesday — the most land-use decisions they have had to make in a decade.

The issues that drive the ballot items range from skyrocketing rents in San Francisco to containing development in San Luis Obispo County to developers' proposals for a retirement community outside Sacramento.

Urban growth is a becoming a coast-to-coast issue.

A national survey commissioned by Smart Growth America, a coalition of more than 60 primarily slow-growth-minded public interest groups, found that three-quarters of those surveyed think more needs to be done in their state to manage growth. The poll of 1,007 adults was conducted in September by the research and communications firm of Belden, Russonello & Stewart.

With 35 statewide growth measures on the ballot in 23 states and hundreds more local initiatives, most American voters will help decide at least one growth-related issue Tuesday, according to the Brookings Institution of Washington, D.C.

But no other state has the growing pains of California. The nation's most populous state expects to grow by about 15 million people to 50 million by 2020, but already suffers from housing shortages that make it home to 14 of the country's 20 least affordable metropolitan areas for housing, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

With a total of about 65 land-use issues on ballots in California this March and November, 2000 is the biggest year for such measures since 1990, when voters decided 99 of them, said Paul Shigley, managing editor of the California Planning & Development Report.

Fake bomb found at Diablo Canyon; no damage done

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Workers found a fake bomb Sunday inside a small office building at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The device was made out of a clock and batteries attached to a putty-like substance made to look like plastic explosives, according to Sgt. C.J. Bell of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department.

Pacific Gas & Electric employees found the fake bomb about 12:30 a.m. Sunday during a routine security check.

The device was not near any of the plant reactors, said PG&E spokesman Bill Roake. "If it had been real, it (still) would not have posed a threat to the plant or public safety," he said.

A sheriff's bomb task force was sent in and they determined the device was fake.

There was no note or phone call about a bomb, Roake said. He said the plant had never received a bomb threat before.

Roake said the plant remained on security alert Sunday while security officers search the site.

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vices," Detweiler said.

In the past, graduation rates for some minorities have been lower, so the second step of the plan will include support services to keep these students in school through graduation. Detweiler said that Cal Poly wants to make sure it gives these new students a real chance at success once they get here.

The third step includes providing more money for incoming students from diverse backgrounds. Funding for more general scholarships and merit scholarships has been requested, and this financial aid will be paired with students from new schools that Cal Poly is reaching out to within the program.

The fourth step calls for students to receive more points in the admissions rating process if they come from low-income families or are the first in their family to attend college. Students will not be given any points for ethnic background. Because of Proposition 209, which was enacted in 1996, students are not required to report their ethnic background on college applications. This keeps administrators from choosing any student on the basis of their race.

"It (the plan) should create, in time, a richer mix at Cal Poly without sacrificing standards," Detweiler said.

All students recruited from any

school will have to meet Cal Poly's high academic requirements. The goal of administrators is to increase the number of diverse students who are fully qualified.

"I think it would be unwise to bring in students who aren't fully prepared," Detweiler added.

In fall 1999, Cal Poly reported an undergraduate student body containing 58.9 percent white students, with Asian students coming in next at 11 percent. Eight percent of students were of Mexican descent, 3.4 percent were of other Hispanic decent, 2.7 percent were considered "other non-white," 1.3 percent were African American, 1.2 percent were Native American and 0.7 percent were international students. More than 12 percent of students did not report their ethnic background last year.

In addition to diversifying the student body, Cal Poly also wants to diversify its faculty. In time, Detweiler and Zingg think that minorities will be well represented on Cal Poly's staff. Zingg

outlined two methods that Cal Poly will take in order to accomplish this.

"Number one is to strengthen our applicant pool and appeal to faculty who would bring diversity to campus," he said. "We will also work with Ph.D. granting institutions and programs."

Currently, all deans are reviewed on their success in bringing diversity to their colleges. Zingg said that there is a great opportunity for them to hire new, diverse faculty members because there will be a significant faculty turnover in the next 10 years with many professors retiring.

"We certainly want to send signals that we welcome diversity," Zingg said. "Cal Poly will have to appear very appealing to prospective faculty."

The administration faces a stiff competition acquiring diverse staff because the pool of graduates with a Ph.D. is very limited throughout the country, and other universities are looking for the same type of faculty.

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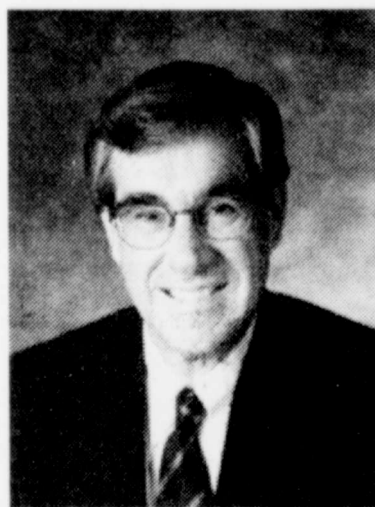
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Why isn't the Daily's Web site updated?

Each Monday, I will answer a question you might have about Cal Poly. Let me know what boggles your mind, ticks you off or is just plain frustrating and I will try to figure it out.

For my first attempt, I thought I would answer a question I hear almost everyday; a question I hate answering, but am prepared to answer without beating around the brush.

We have this beautiful Web site, mustangdaily.calpoly.edu, but it still says June 2, 2000.

The truth behind this is that we have a major hardware problem and the site is not stable—it has been known to crash every 20 minutes or more when it's up.

So, as sorry as I am to tell you, the Web site will not be updated until we get new hardware. But believe me, we are trying to get it squared away so you can access Mustang Daily Online soon.

Have a question about campus? Ask Adam. E-mail him at ajarman@calpoly.edu

Absentees may decide campaigns

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A record 3.2 million Californians have requested absentee ballots for Tuesday's election, which could leave the results of close races throughout the state in doubt for days — or even weeks.

More than one million of those absentee ballots, or nearly 10 percent of the 12 million votes forecast in California, will not be counted on election night, according to county election officials surveyed by The Associated Press.

That means that if the presidential election comes down to an extremely close race for California's 54 electoral votes, Americans might not know on election night which candidate won.

The estimate of absentee votes that will be counted post-election "sounds about right," given the growth in absentee applications, said Alfie Charles, spokesman for Secretary of State Bill Jones.

"The balance of power in Congress may hinge on races in California, and those California races may be determined by the late absentee ballots which will be counted in the days after Nov. 7," Charles said.

"We may not know the final results in several close races until several days after the election, perhaps one or two weeks after the election in some cases," he said.

The previous record for absentee

ballots was 2.1 million, set in the 1998 general election.

Election officials in 48 counties said they will be unable to tally results from all absentee ballots in their unofficial election night vote counts.

Only 10 small counties, which altogether contain only 0.6 percent of the state's voters, expect to count 100 percent of their vote on election night.

Most of the absentee ballots left uncounted election night will be those that voters mail in or drop off at their polling places. Those must be processed separately because voter signatures must be verified in county records, election officials said.

Los Angeles County, which has 4.07 million of California's 15.7 million registered voters, also has sent out the most absentee ballots: 617,231.

In recent elections, Los Angeles has also had the highest percentage of absentee ballots left uncounted on election night: 183,000, or 46 percent, in the 1996 presidential election; and 196,000, or 48 percent, in the election for governor in 1998.

Los Angeles County election officials also said that they expect a slow start on their precinct vote count this year.

They declined to estimate how slow. Los Angeles County had 34 percent of its vote counted by midnight election night in 1994, 18 percent in 1996 and 53 percent in 1998.

POLYWEEK

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Nov. 6

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MTV Campus Invation. Student
Community Services. Rec Center.

7 PM

RELIGIOUS DEBATE, Muslim
Students Asociation. 06-124.

8 PM

4-WAY EXCHANGE, Gamma Phi
Beta. Fish Daddies Restaurant.

Tuesday

Nov. 7

5 PM
CHARTER NIGHT, Ag. Student
Council. Beef Pavilion.

Friday

Nov. 10

11 AM
PICNIC, Chemistry Department.
Santa Rosa Park.

Saturday

Nov. 11

7 PM
THE WASTED MOTEL TOUR,
Gays, Lesbians & Bi-sexuals
United. 06-124.

Sunday

Nov. 12

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Wednesday

Nov. 8

6 PM
MR. FRATERNITY, Alpha Omicron
Pi. The Graduate.

7 PM

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Nov. 9

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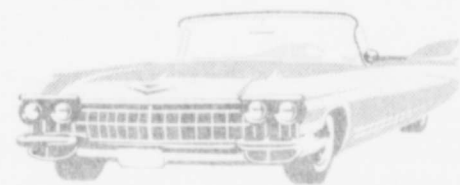
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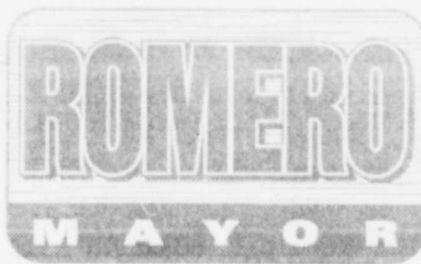
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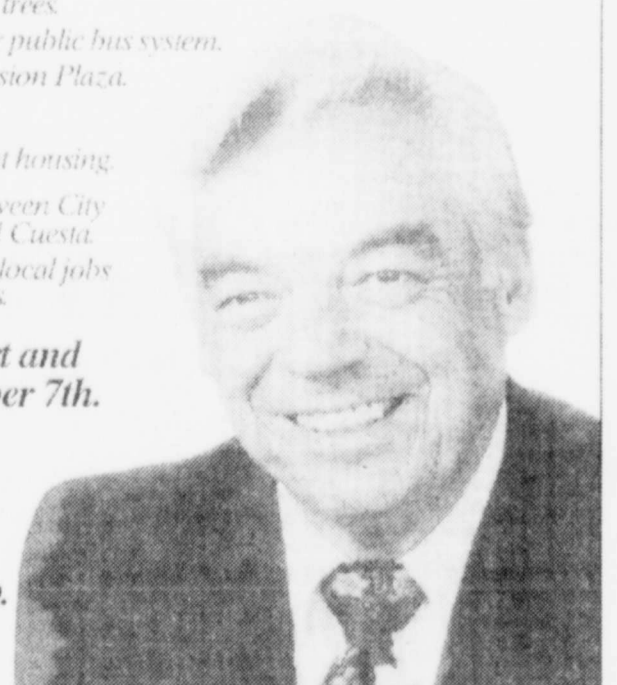
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We can vote for anyone we please Tuesday

As you may recall, I have had difficulty in choosing my presidential candidate. Last week, I had a political epiphany of sorts and found that I could not vote Democrat. Now, do I vote Republican to stick with a man who actually has a chance at winning, or do I "waste my vote" on someone else? Let's take an honest look at George W. Bush and see if anything can point to him as the worthy recipient of my vote.

Bush has a lot going for him. He appears to be a genuinely nice guy. I really enjoy hearing him speak, even when he fortuitously calls the NAACP the NCAA or invents new words like "paperwork-filler-outer." But seriously, it is hard to find any character flaws in George. For being as "inexperienced" as the Democrats dub him, Bush has continued to stand his ground and remain consistent ... except for a few things, that is.

Michael Deem

I take moral issues extremely seriously, especially with politicians. I demand consistency in this

area. Bush is anti-abortion, but pro-death penalty. I was taught that the "Consistent Ethic of Life" was respect from the womb to the tomb. Gore is consistent in that he doesn't mind killing babies and criminals, but I am looking for a president who respects all life regardless of circumstance. Guilty or innocent, in the womb or on trial - I ask the leader to look past the specifics and "transcend" to the underlying issue of life itself. Can there be a condition placed on it? I believe not; Bush believes so.

Another inconsistency in Bush with abortion is in regards to the RU-486 drug. On Sept. 29, Bush emphatically stated that the approval by the FDA was a wrong and irrational decision. Then on Oct. 3, only four days later, he accepted the approval and only cried out a mild concern for the overuse of the drug. What happened in those four days? Of course it is pure speculation, but I am guessing that perhaps Bush was advised that speaking out against RU-486 could hurt his campaign, especially among women. Therefore, Bush softened his approach.

Regardless of the validity of my assumption, the fact remains that Bush changed his mind. To me, that shows a lot. How can I trust that he will stick to his guns in the face of pressure from constituents? This leaves me doubting Bush, and so I have trouble giving him my complete support.

I agree with Bush on virtually every issue of his platform. However, two things prevent me from voting for him. First, I don't know for certain that he will maintain his views once in office if he receives flack from his fellow Republicans. Secondly, he embraces the death penalty as the ideal deterrent of crime. As a practicing Roman Catholic, I cannot, in good conscience, vote for George W. Bush because of this. Thus, I will give no Republican endorsement this time.

Apparently, since I have decided against Gore and Bush, I will be "wasting my vote" on someone else. Nader? Are you kidding? Remember the Roman Catholic part? How about Buchanan? Something about troops and a fence along the U.S./Mexico border and an "official national English language" frightens me. I suppose I could vote for Howard Phillips since his morality parallels mine, but the Bible doesn't need to replace our Constitution. I heard the Socialists are kind this time of year ...

I guess there really isn't the perfect presidential candidate for me. Should I compromise? Of course not, this is a democracy! I can vote for ANYONE I please. With all this said, maybe I will just write in my dad. After all, he's the man I know I can trust. Go Pops!



Catch the Christmas spirit early

Holy Santa Claus displays! It's only the beginning of November and Christmas is already taking over Thanksgiving. As a matter of fact, beginning in September, you'd think that Christmas is the only holiday this fall and winter.

Halloween and Thanksgiving displays take up a small corner of the store while Christmas decorations receive a special section all to themselves. Halloween and

Thanksgiving items go on sale before the holiday is over because the stores need more room for the Christmas displays.

I'm sure everyone has seen the displays.

Fake Christmas trees litter the section with gaudy and glittery ornaments. Cheesy nativity scenes lay under the trees with fake presents. Santa Claus dolls sit on the shelves just waiting to be taken home. I personally like the Santa that shakes his hips to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

The 25-percent-off signs entice the customer to buy their gifts early, because the items will be more expensive come Christmas Eve. People flock to the malls for the weekend for pre-Christmas "sales." Behind the shiny, smooth, red, percent-off signs are sly marketing ploys. The items don't get more expensive as Christmas draws nearer, but the stores want you to think so in order to buy now.

What kind of society are we living in that Christmas takes up such a huge part of our lives, September through December?

Remember those good old days when a person could celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving without worrying about Christmas?

I don't think the stores set up Christmas displays because society is pressed for time to gear up for the big holiday. I believe the reason is that American society is materialistic. We are obsessive about having everything. Christmas is the holiday to obtain all our wants and needs.

Americans have passed through Maslow's Pyramid. We are now fulfilling our biggest wants. The displays in stores play on these materialistic wants. Do we really need the hip-shaking Santa? It looks cooler than the one last year, but is the one from last year not working? Does the tree need a new set of ornaments?

Americans go overboard for Christmas. The holiday is the epitome of American materialism. Johnny wants a new train that costs \$200 and Mom wants that \$500 leather jacket from BCBG. Want, want, want, that's all Americans do.

My own family goes overboard at Christmas. Last year was a prime example of it. Not only did my mother buy luggage for me and my two other sisters, but also birthstone rings and clothes that I still haven't gotten a chance to wear.

This year we've put a limit on the money we are going to spend. It has caused me to be more creative with the gifts I purchase. I pass up the Christmas displays and the so-called "great sales." But I'm not perfect. I still want because of the things I have; none of them satisfy me to the point

that I don't want anymore. Yet, how can I not stop wanting? I'm bombarded everyday by, not only Christmas displays, but commercials, magazines and television. Each of these mediums play a role in American materialism and, come Christmastime, they play an even larger role.

Magazines publish articles about the best Christmas decorations and how to give that pristine Christmas party. Commercials advertise all the newest toys. Special Christmas TV shows get everybody in the mood to purchase, purchase, purchase!

This year, what do you really need for Christmas, not want? And don't forget, Thanksgiving is Nov. 23, regardless of what the stores are displaying.

Megan Shearn is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Students shouldn't have to pay for printing

If you are not one of the fortunate who own your own computer and printer, don't expect any sympathy from Cal Poly. While the Cal Poly Foundation has added many new com-

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puters to this campus during my five-year tour, I am appalled at the policy changes concerning computer and printer use.

During my freshman days, you were lucky to even find an open computer. The only general-use labs available to us were in the old air conditioning building or in the business building. Finally, the agriculture building put in new computer labs and then the

library's reserve room added a computer lab. What a relief that was. Now, at least you have a good chance of getting some work done while you're on campus. And maybe you could avoid sharing your roommate's or house-mate's computer for yet another quarter.

Just when we seem to be getting a helping hand from Cal Poly, the rug is pulled out from under us. Of course, you are very welcome to do your work on Cal Poly's computers, but you better bring a disk to save your work unless you want to pay 10 cents per page for print outs.

Not only do you have to pay the lousy fees, but you have to go through an entire process before you can pay

for them. Don't even think about breaking out the cash from your wallet. Oh, no ... you have to take your student ID card to that little window in the Lighthouse and put some money into your Campus Express account. If you live on campus and already use your express account, this may seem like no big deal. For the rest of us, it's an added aggravation that we certainly don't need.

Then, there's the policy of receiving your first 10 pages free each quarter. I know students who beg to differ on this issue. Some have never seen a single sheet come out those printers for free. Who thought that this little "freebie" would appease students anyway? Saving one dollar in printing cost

does not justify the violation of principle.

This 10 cent policy may not cost students that much, but it makes us feel cheated. We work hard every day to keep up with the academic rigors of Cal Poly. Many of us also hold down a part-time or full-time job outside of school. We are striving for a goal, running down the long path to graduation. With everything bombarding our everyday lives, we have enough hurdles to clear.

One more hurdle is not necessary. Charging us to do our homework seems to violate our purpose for being here. While there are issues with paper waste and printer maintenance costs, students should have priority over

Foundation's recycling and budgeting difficulties. We pay to attend this institution, and we expect to use Cal Poly's facilities for free. Will we be charged to use the Rec Center next? How about checking out books from the library?

Foundation needs to take a second look at its policies and try to remember how hectic students' lives are. Administrators would be very upset if they had to pay 10 cents per sheet to print in their own office. It doesn't make sense to pay to do your job, and being a student here is definitely work.

Keri Christoffels is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Take problems with Scouts to churches Editor,

I have been reading about the Boy Scouts and their hate crimes since Victoria Walsh's article on Oct. 27 ("Boy Scout board should encourage acceptance") and it makes me sick. Everyone is saying Boy Scouts have no right to discriminate, and they are evil people for their policies. Well, I am a Boy Scout. I am an Eagle Scout, and have been for a year and a half now. I joined Boy Scouts at the Tiger Cub level in Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts for younger children) in first grade. I have progressed through all the ranks from beginning to end and have had the honor of working with some very decent people. Everyone has been voicing opinions about how wrong the Boy Scouts are because of their discrimination, and only one person says he was a Boy Scout (Jesse York, "Boy Scouts foster morality in youths," Nov. 1).

The point is, does anyone know why the Boy Scouts discriminates against homosexuals? So far, I have seen nothing of why this is so. I feel I should let everyone know before they start "Ban the Boy Scouts" rallies or some such nonsense.

Jesse York pointed to the Scout Oath: "On my honor, I will do my

best: to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Mr. York is correct in that the morally straight bit is what causes this whole fuss. The current view is that "morally straight" means "not gay." I was never taught it this way. I was taught that morally straight meant being a man of your word: never lie, cheat or steal. If I say I will do something, I must do it. Uphold the principle of honor, for a man's word is his honor.

So who decided morally straight means not gay? Easy: the churches. Most troops are sponsored by a local church. Religious institutions are hardly the voice of tolerance ("I shall now commit great acts of genocide in the name of my God who says 'Thou shalt not kill.'")

The Mormon Church loves Boy Scouts. All of their boys are required to be Boy Scouts. They also set up stricter guidelines for their youths. Boys must attain Eagle Scout by the age of 16 instead of 18. I know these things because in my troop, every boy was Mormon except my brothers and me. The Boy Scouts also functions off of donated money. It does not sell well known products like stocks, bonds or girl scout cookies. The Mormon Church donates the largest chunk of money to the Boy Scouts of America.

Aren't politicians controlled in this fashion by lobbyists? "I donated almost half of what it took to get you here, so I expect you to uphold my beliefs." The Mormon Church is VERY serious about their religion. My hometown is mostly Mormon. The last time the fourth of July fell on a Sunday, the whole town had to celebrate the third of July instead, Mormon or not.

I know many people who have donated decades of time and money in support of Boy Scouts and who are now considering quitting because they can't stand the religious influences. Boy Scouts was meant to be open to all males, not a select few who match the majority ideals.

Next time you think "those damn, discriminating Boy Scouts," please remember who is twisting their arm and curse that organization for its intolerance instead.

Colin Summers is a computer science sophomore.

Use 'scientific facts' wisely in opinions Editor,

In response to the opinion articles about the nature of homosexuality: There are some problems with homosexuality being completely acquired by one's "nature" or genetics and not at all influenced by one's "nurture" or environment. For those who believe

in a completely naturalistic universe governed by the mechanisms of evolution, there is a rather simple problem.

Organisms which can produce the most viable offspring tend to be those organisms which pass on their genetic information. A gene or set of genes that cause an individual to be homosexual is obviously devastating to the reproductive success of that organism and would be strongly selected against in an evolutionary model. If this logic is sound, one would expect there to be evidence which supports it. After a casual search through the databases accessible through Kennedy Library, I found there to be significant evidence.

In the "Journal of General Internal Medicine," an April 1997 article summarized data from 327 homosexual or bisexual males participating in an ongoing study relating to HIV infection and history of sexual abuse. One-hundred and sixteen (35.5 percent) reported being sexually abused as children, and the study concluded that "Sexual abuse remained a significant predictor" (an environmental cause) for homosexual activity.

In an October 1999 article in the "Archives of General Psychiatry," a study was done using 103 pairs of male twins where one twin reported being homosexually active while the other twin was not. The study was ultimately coming to conclusions

about increased suicide symptoms in the homosexual male, but the point is that even when genetic makeup is exactly the same, individuals turn out differently.

Mike Sullivan made statements such as "it is tragic that Mr. York refuses to accept facts and scientific data," and yet failed to support any of his claims that "heterosexuals commit a disproportionate number of child molestations," or that "sexual orientation is an immutable trait." ("Sexual orientation isn't anyone's choice," Nov. 2) In a June 1998 article from "Psychological Reports," surveys were taken from many different newspapers and Internet news sources, and found that in 40 to 60 percent of the stories involving child molestation, homosexuals were the perpetrators.

The only thing I have proven today is that Mike Sullivan and a few other individuals are not entirely trustworthy when they start spouting off "scientific facts." Everything else I've claimed or implied in this article is subject to a lot of debate and scrutiny, and by no means do I believe any of the "scientific data" that I cited to be gospel. However, it seems clear to me that this is not a simple subject. It is far more ignorant, and does far more injustice to homosexuals and heterosexuals alike, to try and simplify something that is obviously complex. Only when we are truly informed about a situation can we be wise and treat it in a manner that is mature and loving to all those involved. For now, the greatest wisdom is probably that we don't know everything like some of us think we do.

Michael Kelly is a biological sciences graduate student.

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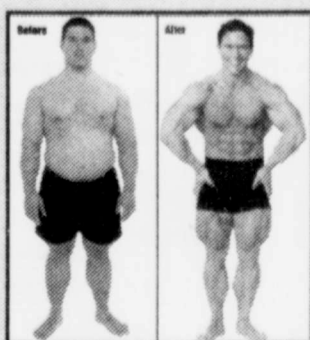
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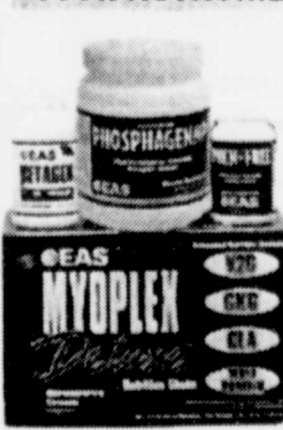
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One of the underlying themes of the "Yes on SOAR" (Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources) campaign is the feeling

Guest SOAR Commentary

by the voting public that the Board of Supervisors has failed to equally represent all county citizens. Many people feel that landowners and developers with deep pockets have pressured and adversely influenced county zoning decisions. As a result, SOAR proponents feel it's time to take the approval process away from an unresponsive government and give it to the voters.

Steven Marx, an English professor and SOAR supporter, said landowners

and developers put an enormous amount of time and money into getting a development approved. The average citizen doesn't have the time or money to fight these projects on a daily basis. "Often the citizen doesn't even know a project or zoning change is being proposed. Society's attitude toward development has changed," Marx said. "No longer do they feel that development is synonymous with progress, or that unmanaged sprawl is inevitable."

SOAR opponents insist that the Board of Supervisors is a fair representation of the citizens and that they make decisions based on good planning principles and expert recommendations from their staff, not on how much pres-

sure or campaign money is thrown at them from landowners or developers.

This may sound logical, but we need only look at the Froom Ranch project in San Luis Obispo as an example of how this process often doesn't work.

In 1996, at the recommendation of San Luis Obispo City Council, the county rezoned the Froom Ranch land from agriculture to commercial retail. The only notification to the neighborhood was the required "notice" ad placed in the local paper. There were no mailings to affected neighborhoods. When the actual use permit was requested to begin development in 1999, the county's own planning commission and staff denied the use permit.

One of the many reasons it was denied was that the City of San Luis

Obispo was not ready to annex the property. The city had not intended to develop the site for another six or seven years. The city wanted to make sure the necessary environmental studies were completed and that needed utilities and infrastructure were in place. Regardless of these concerns, the Board of Supervisors approved the "big box" development against the wishes of the citizens, its own planning staff and commission and against the wishes of the San Luis Obispo City Council.

At one point during the use-permit approval process, property owner Alex Madonna actually threatened to turn the property into a pig farm if the project wasn't approved. Madonna and other developers should be reminded that the California Supreme Court has

ruled that the ability to develop one's property is a privilege not a right.

While the need for properly managed growth throughout the state is an important issue in itself, it seems the bigger problem is the power and influence that wealthy special interest groups and individuals have at every level of elected government.

On Nov. 7, the citizens of San Luis Obispo County have a unique opportunity to get involved in the future of their community. A "yes" vote on SOAR is a vote for equal representation and a chance to manage and control the effects of sprawl in our county.

Dale Kinney is a social science sophomore.



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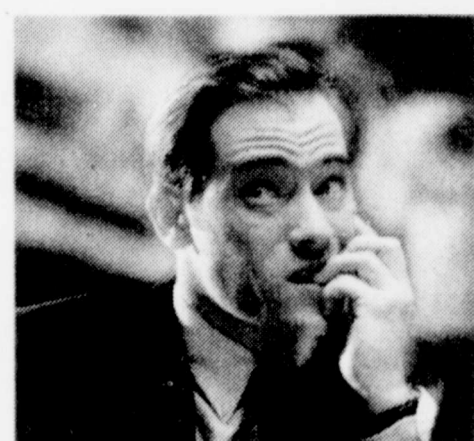
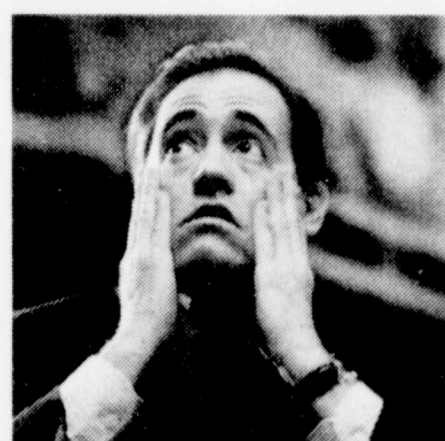
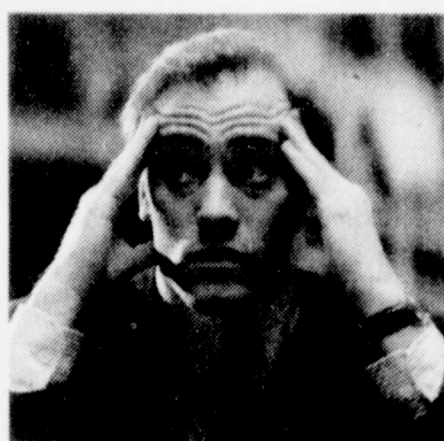
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Wide receiver Kassim Osgood had 17 receptions for 376 yards and two touchdowns. Osgood now has 1,079 yards receiving on the year.

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by Michael Gerrell. The Panthers went for two and converted as quarterback Ryan Helming connected with Jake Soliday.

Northern Iowa also recorded a safety midway through the second quarter just after a turnover by the Mustangs.

In all, there was four missed extra points, two by the Panthers and two by the Mustangs, although Cal Poly place kicker Seth Lewis was three for three in field goals.

"If we could play for another hour things might have been different," said Cal Poly head coach Larry Welsh.

Once again, the Mustang offense had no trouble scoring points, racking up 583 yards of total offense, with 566 yards coming from the passing attack. Burford and wide receiver Kassim Osgood both had record-setting performances.

Without the passing game the Mustangs may not have scored at all. Cal Poly managed just 17 net yards on the ground. The running game has been a continuing problem for the Mustangs, as they have just 1,117 yards on the

ground this season compared to allowing 2,606 by their opponents.

"We're working at it everyday to get better," Welsh said.

Another problem for Cal Poly has been pass protection. Mustang quarterbacks have been sacked 34 times this season, including six by Northern Iowa on Saturday. Cal Poly's defense has only managed 11 sacks this season.

Defensively, the Mustangs gave up 514 yards Saturday, getting chewed up on the ground for 193 yards. Despite allowing 43 points, the defense did force three turnovers and stopped Northern Iowa on several key plays late in the game to give Cal Poly a chance to tie.

"It's good to stop them on the big plays," said defensive lineman Steve Prejean. "We deserved to win this because we played well. They're the better team because they came out on top."

Cal Poly has just two games remaining in the season. Next week they travel to Cal State Northridge, and the following week they are at home for their final game against No. 5 Youngstown State.

"We've got two games left and we've got nothing to lose," Burford said.

Kassim's new records

National

Div. I-AA Receiving - 376 yards

Cal Poly

17 receptions in a game

66 receptions in a season

11 receiving touchdowns in a season (tied)

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win," Osgood said.

Burford threw for a school record 566 yards passing in Saturday's loss. His four touchdown passes tied a school record with 22 this season. Burford needs 348 more yards to become the most prolific passer in Mustang history. He is currently fourth on the list with 2,312 yards.

"I'd trade (the school record) right now for a win," Burford said. "A win is a lot better feeling than a school record."

SOCCER

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game-winner.

"It was definitely my most emotional goal ever," she said. "Mostly, I was just happy for the team."

Midfielder Katie Kassis felt that the size and energy of the crowd helped the team to victory.

"One of the biggest factors was the crowd," she said. "When we stepped on the field in overtime, we felt like we had to win just to hear the crowd go nuts."

The crowd was a factor throughout the entire game, although there were no goals to cheer until Schlegel's game winner. The Mustangs and Gauchos were locked in a defensive struggle the entire game, with only a few legitimate scoring chances by either team. The importance of the game was evident in the intensity displayed by the players, with a number of very purposeful elbows thrown by each side.

Late in the second half, the Gauchos stole the momentum briefly and nearly put the game away with a flurry of desperate shots near the Mustangs' goal. Cal Poly goalkeeper Natalia Garcia made a few tense saves and the Mustangs' defense was able to clear the ball and preserve the

scoreless tie.

The Mustangs came out focused in overtime, controlling the tempo and wasting little time before scoring the game-winning goal.

To head coach Alex Crozier, the exciting victory was a perfect exclamation point to an impressive late-season surge by the team.

"We struggled the first three or four weeks trying to get things sorted out, but we've really pulled it together," he said. "We came through in the clutch."

Crozier pointed to the graduation of seven seniors from last year's Big West championship team as a factor in the team's early season difficulties.

"After losing seven starters, it took us a while to figure things out," he said. "We haven't scored a ton, but our defense has never been better."

Despite the fact that this year's Mustangs squad has mirrored the success of last year, Schlegel feels that there is at least one fundamental difference with this year's team.

"We're a lot closer this year," she said. "As a team, our friendship has helped us gel together."

Cal Poly ends its regular season with an 11-6-1 record (6-2 in the Big West). They will begin NCAA Tournament play on the road Wednesday against Santa Clara University.

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Tourney time for women's soccer

Megan Schlegel's overtime goal against UCSB gives Cal Poly its second straight Big West championship

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's women's soccer team entered Friday night's game against UC Santa Barbara with the knowledge that the winner would go on to the NCAA College Cup Tournament and the loser would probably go home with nothing. Apparently, the Mustangs weren't ready to go home yet.

The team thrilled an animated Mustang Stadium crowd of 2,114 with a wild 1-0 overtime victory on a goal by Megan Schlegel following a scoreless regulation. The win gave the Mustangs the Big West title for

the second consecutive season, sent UCSB packing and Cal Poly to the NCAA Tournament.

► Cal Poly will face Santa Clara in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

► The game will be at Santa Clara University on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

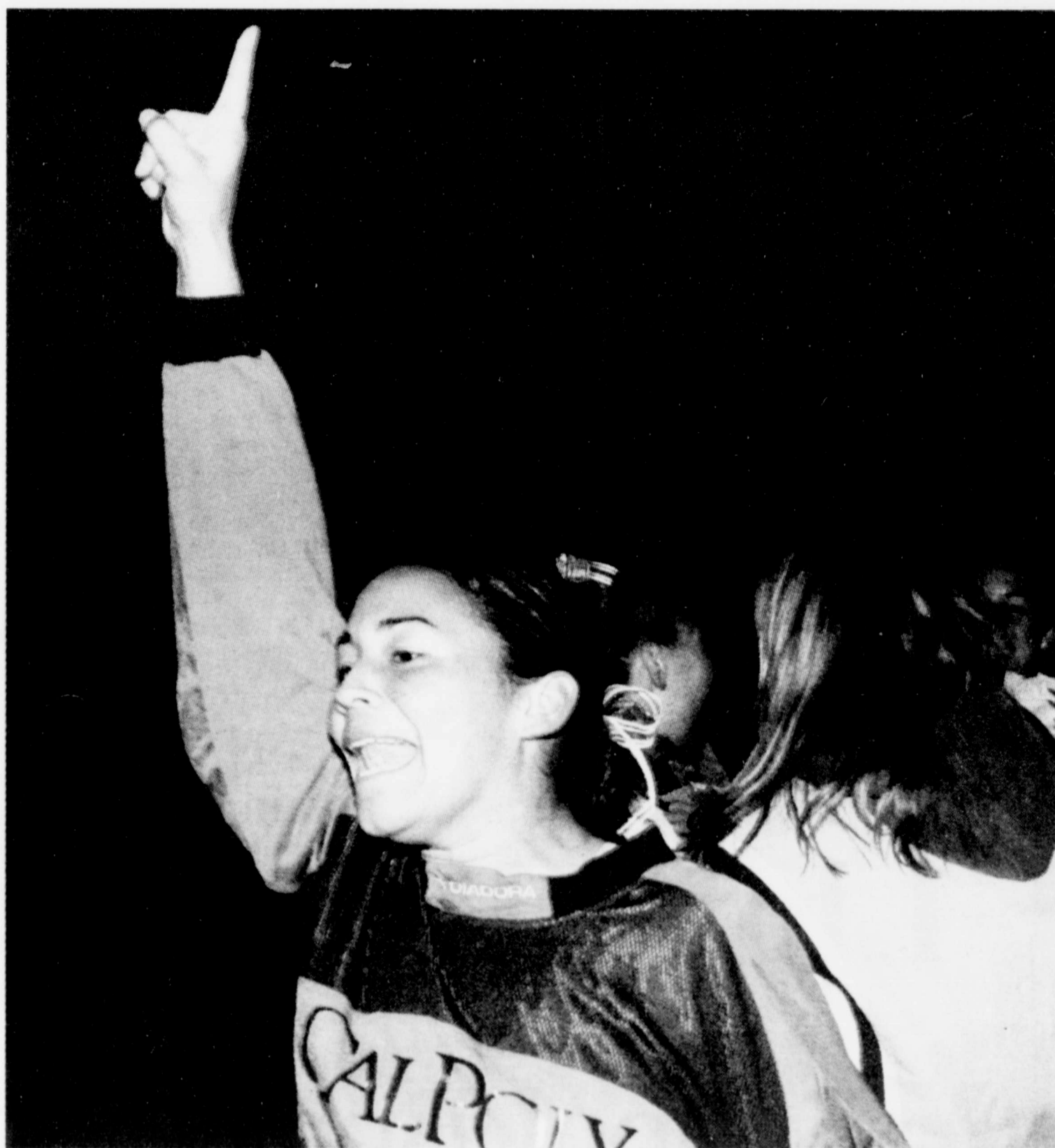
Schlegel, who scored the winning goal with 11:10 left in the first overtime period, was excited about the dramatic victory. The goal was her team leading ninth of the season and her seventh

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Above, Megan Schlegel battles a Gaucho defender. Schlegel scored the game-winning goal in overtime. Right, goalkeeper Natalie Garcia celebrates the Mustangs' second consecutive Big West crown.



Football falls just short of victory, 43-41

By Mike Gilmore

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The 4,135 fans leaving Mustang Stadium Saturday afternoon must have felt like they just got off a roller coaster. The game went back and forth, and the result must have made a few fans queasy.

Last week, the Mustangs lost to No. 11 Hofstra on a last second field goal. On Saturday, they fell to No. 24 Northern Iowa 43-41, missing a crucial two-point conversion that would have tied the game in the final seconds.

After a Mustang defensive stand which stopped Northern Iowa on fourth and one, Cal Poly got the ball back with

2:42 left in the game. Starting on their own 35-yard-line, the Mustangs were able to move down the field and come to within two points on a two-yard touch-down pass from quarterback Seth Burford to wide receiver Ryan McCarty. The two-point conversion failed, however, as Burford was unable to connect with

► Wide receiver Kassim Osgood and punter Dale Rogers were named Div. I-AA Players of the Week.

► Quarterback Seth Burford was named to the Div. I-AA Honor Roll.

wide receiver Adam Herzing.

"It's tough coming out of a game losing by two points to a team we should've beat," Burford said.

It was a close game with too many big plays to say which one cost Cal Poly the game. Every time Northern Iowa seemed to be gaining the upper hand, Cal Poly would come back with a key play.

A huge play came in the fourth quarter as Burford was sacked and fumbled the ball on his own 10-yard line. The Panthers picked up the fumble and scored a touchdown on a three-yard run

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Osgood, Burford have record-setting days

By Mike Gilmore

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the records that wide receiver Kassim Osgood and quarterback Seth Burford set on Saturday, it seemed as if the game was nothing but a simple game of catch between two members of Cal Poly's offense.

Osgood broke a Division I-AA national record with 376 yards receiving. He also hauled in a

school record 17 receptions, bringing his total receptions this year to another school record of 66 receptions this season.

His 11 touchdown receptions this season tied a school record and he needs just three more receiving yards to break Kamil Loud's school record for yards in a season.

"It's cool to break records but I just want to do all I can to get a

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Jerry Tarkanian coached the San Antonio Spurs for 20 games in 1992.

Congrats David Beaudine!

Today's Question:

A blanket of roses is given to the winner of what event?

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Scores

FOOTBALL

Northern Iowa	43
Cal Poly	41
WOMEN'S SOCCER	
UC Santa Barbara	0
Cal Poly	1

MEN'S SOCCER

Cal Poly	1
Cal State Fullerton	2
VOLLEYBALL	
Cal Poly	3
Idaho	0

Briefs

Volleyball sweeps Idaho

Melanie Hathaway led an efficient 3-0 Mustang volleyball win over Idaho Saturday night in Moscow, Idaho. Hathaway had 14 kills and hit .313 for the match.

Worthy Lien had nine kills in the match that improved Cal Poly's record to 13-8, 7-6 in the Big West. Game scores were 15-11, 15-10 and 15-7.

The Mustangs next travel to Santa Barbara Tuesday night for a crucial Big West matchup against the Gauchos at 7 p.m.

Schedule

TUESDAY

- Men's soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara
 - at Mustang Stadium
 - at 7 p.m.
- Women's volleyball vs. UC Santa Barbara
 - at the Thunderdome
 - at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Women's volleyball vs. Cal State Fullerton
 - at Mott Gym
 - at 7 p.m.
- Football vs. Cal State Northridge
 - at Northridge
 - at 3:05 p.m.